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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, copies of the Preliminary Remarks, previous Remarks, Amendments to Claims and Amendments to Specification all of which were previously submitted on separate pages in accordance with current amendment practice are attached hereto.

Eight drawing sheets for FIGs. 29-39 identified by "Replacement Sheets" or "Annotated Sheets" to meet current amendment practice are attached.

Most importantly, applicant strongly objects to the arbitrary change by the Patent and Trademark Office to RCE (Request for Continuing Examination) status. A CPA (Continued Prosecution Application) was filed May 27, 2004 purposely to preserve rights under a CPA that are lost with a RCE. The filing date of 09/15/1998 of the application was long before the May

29, 2000 institution of the RCE. Therefore applicant demands that status as a CPA be reinstated to preserve rights accrued because the first examiner's amendment was mailed about 37 months after the filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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